



THE LAST WEEK

THE MEDIEVAL BANQUET The walls of Kingswood College, normally the home of calm and order, were witness to acts of evil on the evening of Saturday 2nd February, when a night of Medieval murder, mystery and mayhem was hosted in the Great Hall. The imposing Gothic interior proved to be an appropriate setting for such an evening of intrigue and, it must be said, much silliness. Guests experienced a veritable 5-course feast, while enjoying the entertainment provided by the 'Say Two' Acting Company, who danced, juggled and performed away the evening. Unfortunately, events were marred by the untimely and gruesome deaths of two of the company's members. It then befell upon the diners to unravel the web of deceit that surrounded the incidents and identify the perpetrators of the evil crimes that had taken place. One has to admit that this was no mean feat, as several goblets of wine and ale had blurred both the plot and the faces of the actors who,



given their extravagant medieval attire, had all begun to look somewhat alike towards the end of the night. Guests were also given the opportunity to "enhance" the performance by joining the band of players in some imaginative role-playing, which included lords, ladies, a friar, screaming old hags, (a personal favourite) knights and fair maidens. It was a shock to find that one of the characters, Stephen, was guilty of such a heinous crime. Our party had eliminated him from the inquiry quite early in the evening. Perhaps it was naive to base our assumptions on the fact that he had an innocent face, rather than his connections with character or plot!

However, all ended well, and thanks must be given to the actors, the catering staff, the office ladies who waited on us hand and foot and the Kingswood College Trust who worked so hard to make the occasion a resounding success. Thankfully, all ten actors looked happy and healthy when they took their final bows. Wait....! Weren't there eleven of them at the beginning of the night.....? **Mrs Squire**

GUNG HEY FAT CHOI! Acorns enjoyed a delicious Chinese Banquet on Wednesday 6th February at New China City in Southport. The children have been learning about the Chinese New Year and how they celebrate. Each child was given a small gift and an envelope with coins as part of the celebration. We were very proud of all the children who were well mannered and behaved. This was commented on by other customers. **Mrs Proctor**



PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

School finishes at 13:00 next Friday, 15th February for half term. All coaches will leave school at 13:00.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SKI TRIP

There will be a meeting at 19:00 on Thursday 28th February to discuss the final details of the forthcoming ski trip. Letters have been sent home today with further information. **Mr Borowski**

YEARS 7 AND 8 PARENTS' EVENING

Years 7 and 8 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 28th February in the Dining Room. Pupils will be making appointments for parents to meet with subject teachers and Mentors between 18:00 and 20:00. **Mrs McWilliams**

OLIVER REHEARSAL

Please note there will be a rehearsal for 'Oliver' on Friday 15th February from 13:30—15:30. Please make suitable arrangements for your child to be collected as normal school finishes at lunch time on this day. **Mrs McWilliams**

GCSE DRAMA WORKSHOP

A 'Blood Brothers' Drama Workshop has been arranged for next Tuesday 12th February. The Education department at the Liverpool Empire are sending some of their actors to visit Years 10 and 11 pupils and teach some essentials drama skills that are appropriate to their areas of study on the course. All GCSE Drama pupils are expected to attend. The cost of the workshop is £4.20 per pupil. Please find details in the letter that I have given the drama groups. Thank you. **Mrs Squire**

PREP SCHOOL PARENTS' EVENING

Please may I remind you that the Parents' Evening for this term will take place on Wednesday 27th February. Appointment will be made at times to suit both parent and teacher. As time is of the essence during this kind of evening it would be appreciated if everyone keeps to the 5 minutes allocated. **Miss Mapstone**

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY TOURNAMENT

On Saturday I represented West Lancashire in the Cross Country Tournament at Blackburn. I am the first person from Kingswood to represent West Lancashire at such an event. The weather was cold and snowy and the course was muddy and slippery. Unfortunately due to a recent knee injury I was not able to prepare fully for this event but I managed to complete the course, which was over three miles long. This was my first experience of such a difficult course so I was pleased to finish the race. **Jared Morgan WB**

NETBALL

Years 8 & 9, 10 & 11 played Christ The King on Tuesday Years 8 & 9 played exceptionally well. Tarnia Bleasdale in centre position outplayed her opponent who plays for Southport netball club. The team was unlucky to lose as they played to a high standard.

Years 10 & 11 were short of players due to illness and injury but played a five a side game. A few players were out of position but they rose to the occasion and when the final whistle blew the score was 7—7. A well fought game by both teams. Well done.

There are no matches next week as the Sefton schools' are on half term. The next match is at home against Stanley after half term. **Mrs Makin**

MISCELLANEOUS

The following pupils were selected to take part in the United Kingdom Maths Trust Challenge on Thursday. We wish them every success:

Ben Collinson

Sam McCreath

Sarah Melville

Chris Evans

Carl Noble

Natasha Clinton

Romi Eden

Adam Rydings

Emily Harrison

Zachary Cave

Reserves: Elaine Fellows Selina Whiteside

Special points of interest:

- *Parents' Evening*
- *Oliver Rehearsal*
- *Ski Trip*
- *Drama Workshop*

FRIENDS OF KINGSWOOD

Celebration Ball 29th March 2008 - We are pleased to confirm 210 tickets have already been sold for this event. If you would like to attend, tickets are £35.00 per person and this includes: Cocktail reception, 5 course dinner and entertainment including: live music, amazing costumes and vibrant dancers from the Liverpool Samba School, DJ, Devlin one of the finest magicians in the UK, will be performing at your table.

Camp Night - The date for the camp night has now been moved to Saturday 7th June 2008, full details to follow.